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TO LABOR UNIONS.

 Will you assist us by appointing some one in your union to furnish us with news? The Wageworker wants to publish the news of your local, and in order to do so must have your assistance. It is our aim to give our readers all the labor news that is to be had and we wish to do it properly, so that you will be satisfied. By helping us in this way, you not only make this paper more valuable and complete, but your knowledge of what is going on in the labor movement is better and the good feeling among the various crafts is more strongly cemented. When this fellowship idea is instilled thoroughly among us there is less likelihood of a break in the ranks and it is certainly needed at the present time.

RICHARD L. METCALFE.

The Wageworker has a preferred candidate for United States senator. We prefer him to any other man thus far mentioned for many reasons, among them the following:

Intellectually he is the peer of any man now in the senate of the United States, or any man in public life in Nebraska.

He is fundamentally right on all the great questions that are now pressing for solution.

He is absolutely free from entangling alliances, and mentally and morally incapable of tying up with any selfish interest that may seek to profit by exploiting the public.

He is a close student of economics, a wage earner and a public spirited citizen.

He is in full sympathy with the objects and aims of trades unionism, and is proud of the fact that he is an honorary member of one of the oldest, strongest and most conservative trades unions in the world—the Typographical Union.

Being one of the "common herd," uncontaminated by long subservience to corporation and trusts, his sympathies lie with those who eat their bread in the sweat of their faces.

He is one of the best known men in the west, and no one holds a higher place in the estimation of Nebraskans, regardless of creed, color, nationality or political affiliation.

In the senate of the United States he would make his influence felt, nothing could swerve him from what he considered his duty to himself, his God, his country and his constituents.

Richard Lee Metcalfe.

That is the name of The Wageworker's preferred candidate for the United States senatorship to succeed Elmer Jacob Burkett.

If Mr. Metcalfe is chosen senator The Wageworker will pledge that he will not be guilty of any of the following acts:

He will not recommend for office any man who is antagonistic to the welfare of the organized workers of the state.

He will not vote for any tariff law that robs the already poor for the further enrichment of the already over-rich.

He will not "straddle" on any question of interest to the whole people.

He will make no promises in advance that will compel him to sacrifice the best interests of those who already have little enough recognition at the hands of public officials, giant corporations and rapacious trusts.

The Wageworker cordially invites its every reader to investigate Mr. Metcalfe's record.

If there is a better man in Nebraska for the place, The Wageworker would be glad to know his name.

THE MEAT STRIKE.

After all that has been said against the "meat boycott," it remained for Senator Benjamin R. Tillman to hit the nail on the head. Senator Tillman says:

"ANY MAN WHO PINCHES HIS OWN BELLY BECAUSE HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO VOTE HAS NO SYMPATHY OF MINE."

With the intent of those who are

boycotting the meat trust The Wageworker is in full sympathy. For the men who ignorantly voted in the interests of the meat trust and other trusts The Wageworker has little or no sympathy.

But there are hundreds of thousands of us who are equal sufferers who refused to vote as the trusts desired. We have to pay as much for meat as those who were the ignorant or willing tools of the trusts. What recourse have we?

The Wageworker is in favor of the present meat boycott, and hopes to see the workers of Lincoln and vicinity join hands with the workers of other communities. But the boycott is now only a preliminary to the one The Wageworker wants to see instituted a little later. The best time to put the kibosh on the trusts is the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1910. We elect congressmen then; also members of the legislature. The practical way to boycott the trusts is to refuse to vote for any congressional candidate who refuses to pledge himself for the revision of the tariff DOWNWARD, and also to refuse to cast a ballot for any legislative candidate who will not pledge himself to oppose the election of any United States senator of any senator who voted for the outrageous Aldrich-Cannon tariff law.

Why should workingmen and women be compelled to "pinch their bellies" in order to make their demands for justice felt?

Why should little children be deprived of nourishing food in order that the protests of the breadwinners may be heard?

What's the use of depriving ourselves of nourishing food if we follow up our sacrifices by casting our votes to maintain a system that robs us?

The meat boycott is all right in its way, but it is going at the problem backwards. The only good results that can possibly come from it will be educational—it may teach a lot of voters how to vote in their own interests.

In the meanwhile, refrain from the use of meat and spend your spare time in educating yourselves.

No, The Wageworker is not giving space to the matter sent out by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. We can't pay composition bills with "hot air" resolutions adopted in international conventions. "Jim" Duncan can exercise authority over what may come before the A. F. of L. conventions, but he cannot exercise authority over what may or may not appear in this little newspaper.

Are you in favor of representative government? If you are it would profit you to investigate and see how far from representative government the American Federation of Labor has wandered. We wouldn't displace Uncle Sam Gompers if we could, but it is high time the rank and file took the management of Federation affairs into their own hands.

It is awfully hard to please everybody. A Lincoln printer has refused to receive his Wageworker because he thinks it ought to advocate the "wet" side of the question. A Lincoln cigar-maker refuses to subscribe on the ground that The Wageworker is too much inclined to advocate the "dry" end of it. And there you are.

They are writing from all over the country to find out how Lincoln unionists managed affairs so as to become the possessors of the prettiest little Labor Temple in the country. The Temple is advertising Lincoln from one end of the country to the other.

The right to eat or drink what one pleases is an inherent right. The right to sell is, however, a matter for public regulation, restriction or prohibition. It is well to have the terms defined before we enter upon a discussion.

The columns of The Wageworker are open to any one who wants to discuss the pending municipal question, providing the writer is a union man or woman in possession of a paid up card.

The Wageworker has refused to carry the matter offered by the "Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Omaha" for the simple reason that there is no such association.

President Taft was going to show his teeth to the railroad trust, but Mr. Morgan happened in at the White House and the stuff was off.

The merchants who advertise in The Wageworker want the trade of union men and women. Go where you are invited.

Make the Labor Temple your headquarters during your leisure hours. And watch the bulletin board.

Mr. Kirby says the constant de-

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It's the Man Who Don't Know

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ARMSTRONG CLOTHING COMPANY

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The Wageworker is optimistic. It really believes that just as soon as the re-organized Hraction company can square itself around it will proceed to deal more justly with its employees. The company has been up against some pretty tough problems, but this little paper has a lot of faith in the fairness of the men who are now in control of its affairs.

mands for wage increase is the cause of the high prices for necessities of life. That reminds us of the story about the old colored man who asked for a divorce on the ground that his wife was continually asking him for money. "What does she do with all the money?" asked the judge. "I do not know, boss," replied the old darkey. "I ain't never give her none yet."

Last winter we heard a lot about a new democratic daily in Lincoln. Last week the corporation was dissolved because it had not paid its corporation tax. And thus is another pipe dream shattered.

Boycott the meat trust now, and vote against all trusts at the next election. The boycott of the ballot is the best boycott of all.

Perhaps our friend Post talks about the "ice house" on account of the "frost" he is getting for his sawdust products.

Looks like a good year this year!

LOCKOUT BECOMES STRIKE. The lockout which has practically paralyzed the granite industry of Vermont, since November 18, has changed to a strike, and the responsibility is thrown on the 5,000 cutters who are out. This move was brought about by the action of the manufacturers of

Barre, East Barre, Northfield, Montpelier, Williamstown and Waterbury, in opening their quarries for the men to return if they chose under the old conditions. In only one shop did the cutters return to work and in this instance the manufacturers, the Lettes Granite company of Barre, acceded to the demand for an increase in wages.

CRITICIZE CHILD LABOR.
 National Conference at Boston Ends With Review of Evils.

Boston, Mass.—The last meetings of the National Child Labor committee's sixth annual conference ended with a discussion of legislation, home industries and street trades and the use of child labor in canneries and the farming industry. Criticism of child labor in New England, which has been a feature of the meetings, continued today and especially in relation to their work in the canneries. Former Governor Curtis Guild, jr., presented five bills providing what he considered constructive legislation. He will submit these bills to the legislature.

Miss Mary Van Kleeck of New York, secretary of the committee on women's work, spoke on the work of removing children from street trades, while Miss Pauline Goldmark of New York supervisor of research work, was the principal speaker at the general session.

OPERATORS PRESENT DEMANDS. Cincinnati, O.—A committee representing the telegraph operators of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad have formally presented their demands for a new working schedule to H. M. Brimson, general superintendent of the road. The operators demand an increase of 22 per cent in wages, a ten-hour working day and other concessions.

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